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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

TASK TEAM V - BIOGRAPHICS

Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting, 19 August 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

25X1A CIA - Mr. [REDACTED] Chairman
NSA - Mr. Joseph Cunningham
STATE - Mr. Mitchell Stanley
AIR FORCE - Maj. Russel S. Keen
FBI - Mr. Earl W. McCoy
CSC - Mr. Pearley Buck
SS - Mr. Frank Stoner
I&NS - Mr. John L. Keefe
25X1A CSS - Mr. [REDACTED]

Others Present

25X1A Mr. [REDACTED] CIA
Mr. [REDACTED] CIA
25X1A Mr. [REDACTED] NSA
Mr. [REDACTED] NSA
Mr. [REDACTED] SS

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1. The first portion of the meeting was devoted to a briefing of the NSA TIPS and RYE Systems by [REDACTED] of NSA. This description will be distributed to the Team members at a SECRET classification in the near future. At the end of the presentation, the Chairman thanked [REDACTED] on behalf of the Team for the excellent briefing.

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3. The meeting continued with a report by the Chairmen of the working groups on name searching and finding respectively.

3. Mr. Anderson provided the members with a one-page chart which displayed the average number of calendar days that it took the various agencies to respond to one another in the National Agency Check System. Included in the sample survey as requesters were FBI, I&NS, CSC, Army and CIA. The responders for which figures were developed were the FBI, I&NS, CSC, Army, Navy, Air Force and CIA. Some other figures were generated but were insufficient to be a dependable sample. In the above listed organizations, a total of approximately 3200 requests were tallied. The average response time varied from five to fifteen days with an overall average of nine days. The response time here was defined as the number of calendar days elapsed between the time the request left the requesting agency until it arrived back at the requesting agency. No internal processing time of the requesting agencies was considered or included in this sample (with some minor unavoidable and insignificant exceptions). Some of the major factors which affected these figures included a mixture of calendar days and work days reported, the use of resident agents or liaison officers, and the time of the year of the sample. However, it was a considered opinion of the working group that despite these factors, the sample was a valuable one and the figures developed are useful as average figures.

4. Mr. Anderson also reported that the working group considered other matters of concern by this group such as: whether an on-going group should continue to work on problems of planning and coordinating an interagency name check operation; a further study and recommendation concerning common data elements; the best method of continuing to keep in touch with the on-going DoD plan for the centralization of its security indexes, files and National Agency Check program; and lastly, further deliberations to prepare recommendations concerning needs for an updated communications system between the various concerned agencies. The working group chairman offered these as suggestions for comment by the full Team.

5. The working group chairman on name finding reported to the Team by submitting a written report which summarized what the group had done. The report described the survey which was made to determine gaps and duplication in biographic intelligence processing and discussed the results. It also included eleven conclusions and seven recommendations. A quick glance by the Team at these conclusions and recommendations made it clear that the problems involved in the name finding activities center in the positive

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intelligence areas but are not found exclusively there. Although the working groups were divided by the name searching and name finding criteria, it was noted that the activity of the working group has quickly centered respectively on the name check program (in the counterintelligence and security files of the various agencies) and the positive biographic intelligence activities.

6. The Chairman then asked for comments concerning, first, what to do about the two working group reports; secondly, the relationship between the two subject areas covered; and third, how to proceed to prepare a final Team report. A general discussion was held concerning the amount of duplication both within the two systems (counterintelligence and security versus positive intelligence) as well as between them. It was clearly recognized that there is much unnecessary duplication of effort within and between the two systems in what is being published as well as in the internal agency biographic activity. The Team agreed that this subject must be addressed in the report which also must carefully indicate what has not been accomplished by the Team. Progress of the Team in the last ten months was considered and it was agreed that much was learned about each others' operations and that a spirit of understanding and cooperation has been generated but that committees such as this one were limited in accomplishments in terms of operational system change. Whether this committee should be continued was discussed by the group. The Chairman indicated that he felt that a final report should be prepared and the committee, as such, should be terminated. This, however, would not preclude recommendations for the continuation for some group or groups to continue planning, coordinating, and acting as a mutual source of information about the various on-going programs.

7. The Team then agreed that the respective working group chairmen, the Secretary and Chairman of the full Team would, in concert, prepare sections of a draft report which would then be provided to the various members for their consideration.

8. The Chairman requested each member to respond to a short questionnaire, to be prepared and distributed to the various members, which will provide a concise answer to the question as to where each agency is now in its plans for mechanization of its biographic holdings. This will become part of the final report.

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9. The meeting adjourned with the agreement that the Chairman will call the next meeting after the members have had a chance to review the proposed sections of the report.

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